

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Claim 5 under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph.

Claim 5 has been cancelled.

35 USC §§ 102(b) and 103(a)

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments place the claims in a condition for allowance without any arguments to the 102(b) and 103(a) rejections, however, please note that the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner 102(b) and 103(a) rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 5, 8, 9, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claim 1, which has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 5; Claim 7, which has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 8; Claim 15 which includes the limitations of original Claims 7 and 9; and Claim 16 which includes the limitations of original Claims 7 and 13.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-4, 6, 10-12, and 14 are allowable because they are dependent on Claims discussed in the previous paragraph which the Examiner has indicated contain allowable subject matter.

Specification

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objection to the Specification has been overcome since that portion of the Specification has been amended as shown in the rewritten paragraph [0017] above.

New Claims 17 and 18


With regard to new Claims 17 and 18, Applicant has merely removed superfluous elements that do not capture the inventive concepts of this invention, such as limitations regarding the frame members being "vertical" or "horizontal." Claim 17 is based on Claim 1 (as currently amended) to include the limitations of Claim 5. Claim 18 is based on Claim 7 (as currently amended) to include the limitations of Claim 8. In drafting Claims 17 and 18, Applicant believes that he has retained limitations that the Examiner has stated contain allowable subject matter. If for any reason the Examiner has any questions about these new claims, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests the Examiner to contact Applicant's attorney by telephone to set up a telephone interview. It is believed that such an interview will be helpful in placing the application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this response places Applicant's application in condition for allowance, and therefore further and favorable action on this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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